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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was irregular, but mostly steady to about steady. Retail and food service demand was usually light to moderate, best for fast food, restaurants, and sports bars where big games were planned for the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was light to occasionally fair. Supplies of all items were adequate to ample, at times burdensome and hard to clear, even at heavily discounted levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09-OCT-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	57.00-60.00	45.00-67.00	58.68	28
New York	60.00-63.00			
Los Angeles	77.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	67.00-70.00	47.00-74.00	68.44	86

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
974	63.00-71.00	69.47
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	154.00	1,200
BREASTS - B/S	128.50	5,525
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.00	1,284
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	1,077
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	8,477
WINGS	97.50	2,699

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair, best for fast food promotions, with first of the month business limited. Supplies of all sizes were readily available for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was fair at best, even with discounts present. Wings were ample and discounted to help clear, and dark meat was at least sufficient. Breast items were adequate to ample with tenders and fronts in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair entering the weekend. Offerings were fully sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Tenders and wings were ample and slow to clear. Other items were at least adequate.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for next week deliveries at generally unchanged prices. The market tone was about steady. Offerings of product less than 4 pounds adequate with heavy weights ample. Buying activity was light with buyers' needs focused on regular commitments. Retailer demand was moderate, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated heavier than desired weekend carryovers.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary whole fryer negotiated prices into the Chicago area were unchanged for next week deliveries. Whole fryer market tone was steady, instances firm. Offers were limited on light trade inquiry. Weekend demand into retail outlets was mixed, light to moderate at best. Food service inquiry and orders were supportive and noted as fairly good for the most part. Best draw was into fast food, restaurants and sports bars in markets entertaining major sporting events this weekend. Floor stocks adequate and weights were desirable to heavy. Supplies of wings, tenderloins remained burdensome, leg items adequate to plentiful with breast cuts generally in balance. Trade inquiry on parts was hand to mouth.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. In the parts complex, offerings were fully adequate for current inquiry.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	50-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	10/02/06 - 10/06/06 (A)
	10/03/05 - 10/07/05 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	10/02/06 - 10/06/06 (A)
	10/03/05 - 10/07/05 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

OCT 05

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 06

OCT 05, 2006					OCT 06, 2006					
ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	715	89.00-177.00	-	106.45	510	90.00-177.00	-	101.69	3,500	106.71
TENDERLOINS	213	92.00-170.00	-	100.68	138	89.00-166.00	-	100.31	965	104.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	70.00-82.00	-	73.60	124	68.00-82.00	72-76	74.55	591	74.53
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				295	53.43
LEGS	201	29.00-41.00	30-31	31.14	203	29.00-41.00	30-31	31.54	1,063	31.36
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	20.00-28.00	-	24.00	588	20.00-29.00	24	23.97	2,902	24.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	799	21.00-32.00	25-26	25.96	1,184	22.00-31.00	25-26	25.62	4,316	26.01
WINGS (WHOLE)	330	84.00-100.00	89-90	92.76	299	84.00-100.00	86-90	90.77	1,499	94.26
WINGS (CUT)	299	100.00-118.00	106-108	106.93	295	100.00-116.00	102-106	105.29	2,081	111.52
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				326	32.46
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				240	28.80
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				416	74.79
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR OCT 05, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR OCT 06, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR OCT 06, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE **TODAY'S AVERAGE**

36.00 - 42.00 39.00

RANGE **TODAY'S AVERAGE** **5-DAY AVERAGE**

35.50 - 41.50 38.36 38.95

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest was light to no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample and with some discounting noted; bone-in breasts and dark meat cuts were adequate to at least adequate. Wings and tenders were ample and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for boneless skinless breasts, tenders and wings. Bone-in breasts and most dark meat cuts were about steady to steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

OCT 05

OCT 06

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	112.56	688,982		115	111.27	769,780		111.81	3,768,992
TENDERLOINS	100-105	108.74	158,960		100-105	110.24	160,560		107.43	936,918
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	75.32	95,040		70-71	81.46	63,600		78.07	379,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	69.50	90,000		70	68.00	81,000		68.46	428,400
LEGS	39-40	37.65	172,140		39-40	37.06	211,720		37.90	830,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.67	273,680		28-29	29.21	311,200		29.30	1,492,240
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	38.91	109,430		29-30	38.21	123,060		37.81	518,621
THIGHS	29-30	36.82	62,840		27-28	38.82	75,360		37.49	313,720
B/S THIGHS	80-81	83.63	100,280		80-81	82.72	94,640		83.66	513,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	91-92	102.67	206,600		90-91	100.76	205,300		101.64	1,153,900
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.77	24,200		10-12	12.02	17,840		11.77	110,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.48	12,200		30-35	28.86	13,880		28.67	71,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.18	20,600		50-55	54.50	26,840		52.99	119,120

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG
	10/06	10/05	10/04	10/03	10/04	10/03	09/29	09/27	WTS
Alabama	4,657	4,030	3,907	3,971	5.50	5.47	4,405	5.49	
Arkansas	5,671	5,407	5,447	5,390	5.34	5.40	5,060	5.41	
Delmarva	2,262	2,267	2,245	2,559	5.83	5.85	2,233	5.72	
KY-LA-TN	2,542	2,341	2,368	2,409	5.07	5.20	2,714	5.16	
Mississippi	4,087	2,910	2,802	2,862	5.99	5.98	2,818	6.02	
North Carolina	3,723	2,660	2,663	2,614	6.93	6.87	2,688	6.85	
Texas	2,536	2,522	2,511	2,454	5.46	5.46	2,557	5.38	
Total	25,478	22,137	21,943	21,976	5.68	5.69	22,475	5.68	
Mon-Fri	113,824(A)				110,139(A)				
Saturday	3,012 (included in total for date shown)				1,384				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Oct-06 and 07-Oct-06 is estimated to be 38,118,000 head up 13.02 percent from a week ago and up 9.69 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,726,000, last year 34,751,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 07-Oct-06 is estimated to be 170,111,000 head up 3.26 percent from a week ago, and up 2.14 percent from a year ago. (Last week 164,748,000, last year 166,544,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	91-103
	DRY PACK	110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,
Week ending 30-Sep-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	Thousands				
(Preliminary)					
Head	44,316	84,262	19,133	17,037	164,748
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.49	6.97	8.14	5.49
% of total /1	27%	51%	12%	10%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	45,348	84,922	18,623	16,857	165,750
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.43	7.01	8.08	5.49
% of total /1	27%	51%	11%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	47,578	78,443	29,777	6,951	162,749
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.38	6.94	8.19	5.35
% of total /1	29%	48%	18%	4%	100%

To date/2006 1,812,643 3,109,020 883,168 492,390 6,297,221
 To date/2005 1,858,935 3,058,230 1,027,260 338,709 6,283,134

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.

(D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 30-Sep-06

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary)					
Head	164,748	1,173	1,501	2,674	488
Avg Wt	5.49	3.41	8.16	6.08	6.65
Last week	165,750	1,054	1,384	2,438	489
Same wk yr ago	162,749	1,250	1,132	2,382	528
Avg Wt	5.35	3.45	7.95	5.59	6.35
To-date/2006	6,297,221	42,791	57,674	100,465	19,602
To-date/2005	6,283,134	57,272	55,149	112,421	19,326

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.7 million head, or 2.2 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
August 26	168.5	163.6	103%	5.30
September 2	170.3	162.6	105%	5.18
9	156.5	162.0	97%	5.39
16	168.5	163.7	103%	5.45
23	167.8	164.6	102%	5.49
30	166.7	164.5	101%	5.49
Year to date	6373.6	6390.1		100%
October 7		164.2		
14		163.3		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	10/07/06	09/30/06	% CHG	10/08/05	% CHG
Broilers	170,111	164,748*	+3.26	166,544*	+2.14
Cattle	635	639	-01	622*	+02
Hogs	2,159	2,142	+01	2,079*	+04

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 02-OCT-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	151-155	157-161

MIDWEST MOSTLY	132-142	133-143
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60.00-66.50	64.00-65.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	69.00-87.50	72.00-73.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF
02-OCT-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - October 03, 2006

****AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY****

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

RANGE

Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .80
Pullets 4-6 LBS	.70 - .80
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.05 - .15
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.05 - .15
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.40 - .50
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.35 - .45
Guinea Fowl	.50 - .80ea.
Banty Roosters	.75 - 1.25ea.
Banty Hens	.50 - .60ea.
Silgies	- 4.75ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .30
Pigeons	2.00 - 2.25ea.
White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.00ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.40 - 1.60
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Bunnies	1.75 - 4.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 4.50ea.
Goats	37.00 - 40.00ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00ea.
Doves	3.50 - 4.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.40 - .60

Total Coops Sold 384

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading on heavy cannery was too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was mostly than fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate, best into rendering operations. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-12 9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Spent light fowl are fully adequate for a slow demand. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage costs were about steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Mostly prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good with offerings adequate to instances fully adequate. Processing schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3.5-11 6-9

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate slaughter schedules. Offerings slightly reduced but adequate for current needs.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-SEP-06

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to fair. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was no better than fair. The undertone was generally steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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